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AFI 48-123

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND STANDARDS

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LIFE'S RULES

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving's probably not for you.

Psychiatrists say that 1 out of 4 people are mentally ill; check three of your friends, if they are okay, YOU'RE IT!

Overview: AFI 48-123

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- **Basic Instruction**
- **Attachments**
  - **Flying Classes**
- **Tables**

AFI 48-123/Basic Instruction

- 18 chapters / 62 pages
- Contains the Who, What, How, When
- Source for “guidance”
- A cover-to-cover review is recommended
- Seek out a senior 4F

Basic Instruction

- 1. General Information and Administrative Procedures
- 2. Responsibilities
- 3. Term of Validity for Initial Medical Examination
- 4. Periodic Medical Examinations
- 5. Exams for Separation and Retirement
- 6. Medical Hold

Basic Instruction

- 7. Medical Standards
- 8. Waivers
- 9. Medical Recommendation for Flying/S.O. Duty (AF 1042)
- 10. Profiles & Duty Limitations (AF 422)
- 11. Clearance for Joint Operations or Exchange Tours

Basic Instruction

- 13. FAA Certification
- 14. Exams for Reserve Components
- 15. Exams - Accomplishing and Recording
- 16. Special Evaluation Requirements
- 17. Occupational Health Exams

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Attachments

- **Supplemental information to clarify chapters**
- **Contain MEDICAL STANDARDS (disqualifying) to a particular classification**

Attachments

- Atch 1: Glossary, Abbreviation, Acronyms
- Atch 2: Continued Military Service
- Atch 3: Appointment, Enlistment, Induction
- Atch 4: Ground Based Controller Duty

Attachments

- **Atch 6: Air Vehicle Operator Duty**
- **Atch 7: Flying Duty (all classes)**

Atch. 7-Flying Class 1/1A

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- **Class I: Qualifies for selection into Medical Flight Screening(MFS) prior to getting to UPT.**
  - **MFS includes full eye evaluation, corneal topography, colorvision, depth perception, echocardiogram, neuropsychological evaluation…**
- **Class IA: Qualifies for acceptance**

Atch 7-Flying Class II

- **Qualifies undergraduate flight training students and rated officers for *continued* flying duties.**
- **IFC II - Qualifies flight surgeon applicants for training.**
- **<u>Rated Officers</u>: Pilot, Navigator, Astronaut, Flight Surgeon**

7-Categorical Flying Class

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- **Flying Class IIA: Duty in low G aircraft**
  - **Ex. Effects of blood pressure medication**
- **Flying Class IIB: Duty in non-ejection seat aircraft Ex. Hx of Compression fracture**
- **Flying Class IIC: Duties as specified in remarks section of AF**

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Atch 7-Flying Class II

- **Qualifies individual for NON-RATED duties.**

- **EXAMPLES: Flight Engineer, Loadmaster, Boom Operator, Radio Operator, Flight Nurse, Aeromedical Evacuation Tech**

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Attachments

- **Attch 8: Medical Standard for Misc categories**
  - **-Attendance at Service School(NCOA, SNCOA…)**
  - **–Parachute Duty by the Army**
  - **–Marine Diving Duty by the Navy**
  - **–Physiological Training/Operational Support**
  - **–Survival Training Instructor Duty – proper review of problems with knee**

Attachments

- **Attch 8: Misc Categories (cont)**
  - **Night vision goggle (NVG) use**
  - **Remote or Isolated Duty**
  - **Hyperbaric Chamber Training or Duty**
  - **Med. Cert. & Wx Req. for Combat Control & PJ**
  - **Incentive & Orientation Flights**
  - **Fire Fighters**

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Attachments

- **Attch 9: Frequency of Periodic Medical Examination**
- **Attch 10: Certification & Wx Authority**
- **Attch 11: Hearing Standards**
- **Attch 12: Accomodative Power**
- **Attch 13: Physical Profile Serial Chart**

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Attachments

- Attch 14: Upper Extremity ROM
- Attch 15: Lower Extremity ROM
- Attch 16: Height/Weight Tables
- Attch 17: Soft Contact Lens Program
- Attch 18: Deployment Criteria
- Attch 19: Preventive Health Assessment (PHA)

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TABLES

- **Located throughout Instruction**
- **Add clarification**
- **EXAMPLE: Evaluation of Head Injury page 53, Table 16.1.**

Medical Status Notification

- **Non-Flyers: AF 422**
- **Flyers/Special Ops: AF 1042 and AF 422**
  - **REMEMBER:**

    AF 1042 – Chapter 9 – Pg. 32

    AF 422 – Chapter 10 – Pg. 34

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